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US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

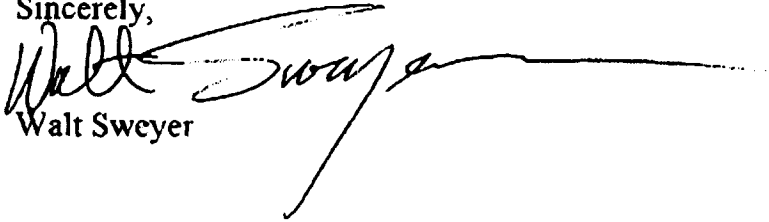
I'm writing to encourage you to support the recent anti-trust settlement reached by Microsoft and the United States Department of Justice. I feel this shameful lawsuit is something the Justice Department should have never launched against Microsoft, which is only trying to make good software. Indeed, the terms of the settlement go far beyond what was originally called for in the lawsuit merely for the sake of wrapping up the suit.

Examples include Microsoft agreeing to document and disclose for use by competitors many of the various interfaces internal to Windows. This is a first in an antitrust settlement. Further, Microsoft has agreed to allow computer and software makers to modify Windows so Microsoft products can be removed and non-Microsoft products installed in their places. Examples include Netscape Navigator, AOL, Instant Messenger, and RealNetworks RealPlayer.

Overseeing the terms of this settlement will be a technical committee comprised of three software-engineering experts. These experts will also assist in any dispute resolution should a complaint be filed against Microsoft.

For these reasons, I support the recent settlement so we can put this matter behind us.

Sincerely,



Walt Sweyer